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Ready, set, tug!

Sulyen Rondeau, Emma Smith, and Cassandra Stoughton (from left) have some old-fashioned fun last Friday afternoon at a March Break "pioneer camp" hosted by Joan and Paul Brown of Haliburton. Throughout the week participants worked on crafts and quilts, roasted marshmallows over a campfire and, of course, had a tug of war. More photos on page 26.

County film policy draws negative reaction

GREG HOEKSTRA
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County's proposal for a new film policy created controversy at the Dysart council table last week, and also drew criticism from one filmmaker outside of the county. On March 11 the county's director of economic develop-

ment, Robert Smith, presented a draft of the policy to Dysart council seeking their input. Councillors were concerned that the policy was stripping away decision-making powers from the lower-tier municipalities and making the process too onerous for filmmakers. "This looks like just another level of bureaucracy," said councillor Steve Pogue.

"What you're saying is, if a group wanted to come to town and film on main street, we couldn't say yay or nay?" Smith defended the policy. "No one is trying to take anything away from the lower-tiers. It's just that the first place these people call is the county." He says that the lower-tier municipalities would still have final approval over local mat-

ters such as road closures. "[The policy] is just to ensure that everyone knows what's going on." Council also raised concerns that the policy's regulations and fees might drive away potential film projects, but Smith said that the industry is accustomed to working with such policies. "Most production companies

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Turkeys' randy conduct comes home to roost

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The male wild turkey might think there's nothing wrong with mating with any pretty hen that catches his eye but his promiscuous behaviour is about to put him in the sights of Highlands hunters. The Ministry of Natural Resources has extended the wild turkey hunting season to the southern half of Haliburton County in part because of the turkeys' rather cavalier attitude towards sex. Not only do male wild turkeys mate with as many hens as they can, but the female hens aren't too picky either. Let's just say that turkeys are neither monogamous nor adherents of the mate-for-life principle. "If a hunter happens to kill a male turkey that's keeping company with a hen, "she'll just go looking for another one," says MNR avian biologist Patrick Hubert. Since procreating is so easy - any male will do - and it's mostly male turkeys which are hunted, the spring hunt "has very little

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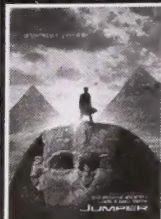


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Cody Hodgson pleases his Haliburton fans

LOCAL FANS of hockey phenom Cody Hodgson were not disappointed when they went to Peterborough last Wednesday night to watch him play. Cody, who was born in Haliburton and spends his summers at his family's cottage on Haliburton Lake, scored two goals and earned an assist for the Brampton Battalion in the game against the Petes. He's ranked sixth in the NHL's first draft round.

Several local businesses have committed themselves to taking part in Earth Hour on March 29. Haliburton IGA, McKeck's, Patient News, Royal LePage and Haliburton Home Hardware have all agreed to turn off their lights from 8 to 9 p.m. to join in the global effort to reduce greenhouse emissions. Several other businesses have donated prizes to Canoe FM to raffle off during the hour. (Host Joan Cameron will do her broadcast in a candlelit studio.) Don't forget - you don't have to turn off the electricity in your home, just your lights.

Talented seniors are invited to audition for the Chartwell's Seniors Jubilee at Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto. The deadline for applications is April 30. Acts include solo performers and groups, such as a choir, as long as you're all older than 50. Provide your name, name of act, address, telephone number and a brief description of your act to Chartwell's Senior Jubilee, attention G. Richards, 260 Queen's Quay West, Suite 2805, Toronto, Ont., M5J 2N3; fax 416-260-5627; e-mail gjr@sympatico.ca. Call 416-260-6755 for details.

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Food or heat?

Families struggle to keep up with long winter and high heating costs

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

For the first time high fuel costs are making sufficient impact to warrant an assistance program for families or individuals who have endured hefty energy bills at the 4Cs.

"We've had families and individuals ask if we can help them with fuel costs," says 4Cs chair Wayne Cox.

Cox estimates that 10 families have come into the 4Cs asking for assistance, but only five have qualified.

"We work with another service provider who is qualified to financially assess the individual situation and see if the client is indeed into difficulty," Cox says. "We don't support someone who is in an unsustainable situation."

People who are paying \$1.06 a litre for gas at the pumps are already far too aware that fuel costs are rising. But what about the people who heat their homes with oil? Winter started in November and it's still going strong. People can't simply decide that they're not going to fill their oil tanks because they can't afford it any more.

A litre of home fuel oil costs 108.5 cents this week and the average furnace fuel tank is 910 litres. Most people fill half a tank at a time and are on their fourth or fifth round; that's about \$2,250 before taxes.

At Roberts-Austin Fuels in Haliburton owners Steve and Andrea Roberts sympathize with customers who struggle to pay their bills. "Our accounts receivable is high," says Andrea.

As businesses owners, the Roberts are just like their customers: they have to pay the prices set by their suppliers. They buy directly from an Ultramar dealer in Quebec so the price increases are coming from the main source, not a string of suppliers.

"We're the last stop before the consumer," said Andrea. "It's not us."

To try and ease the burden of payments the Roberts offer an equal billing payment option, as well as a prompt payment discount. This year they've introduced a seniors' discount.

"We have customers that Steve's delivered oil to for over 30 years," said Andrea. "Many of those customers are now seniors on pensions that have been the same amount now for years."

"But our customers are very understanding," said Steve.

At Youngdale Fuels, Chris Youngdale says "It's the same as every other year. Those who can't afford to buy the fuel don't. They're pretty much resigned to that."

When Andrea Roberts sat down to do her budget in the fall of 2007 the price of heating oil was 79.9 cents per litre. She estimated the price over the winter to increase, as it usually does, by about five to six per cent, or 86 cents. Now it's 12 cents a litre more than her budget and 29 cents more than the price when she began the budget.

Like their customers, they feel like complaining about the high prices but "I don't know who you talk to because almost all the oil companies are American owned," Andrea says. "There is nobody to complain to. They don't care... so there is really nobody that would listen."

For the past 10 years Roberts-Austin Fuels has been a member of the Canadian Oil Heat Association. But this year the Roberts didn't renew their membership.

"I don't feel like they're a voice speaking for the independent or smaller oil companies," says Andrea. "We're a little disappointed that they have not put any pressure on government."

Back at Youngdale Fuels, Chris says that companies use higher refining costs as an explanation for the high prices.

"But you look at the oil company's profit margins and they're big profits," said Youngdale. "Somehow the oil com-



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Brian Nicholson, an employee at Roberts-Austin Fuels, fills his truck's tank from the reserve. As winter continues, some families are finding it hard to pay their bills.

panies have got us used to paying."

January 31, 2008 Esso Imperial Oil announced it had a net income in 2007 of \$3,188 million (\$3.14 per share), the highest net income in the company's history.

Some financial experts are predicting that gas prices will reach \$1.40 when the

summer travelling season begins. People won't be relying on heating oil but the price hike is still worrisome.

"There's no happy ending," says Andrea Roberts. "I think we're in for these prices...I think it's part of the world we live in."

Local gardeners want to make it easier for people to buy their produce

A group of local farmers, environmentalists and interested citizens, along with a local health unit dietician, met on March 3 to discuss ways of getting local residents and visitors to buy locally grown food.

They are part of a growing movement across North America to encourage local buying rather than having foodstuffs travel thousands of kilometres to the consumer.

ing, Sharon Harrison of Environment Haliburton, said, "You would be surprised at the range of food products produced in our county. We have to make our residents aware of what is out there and where it's available."

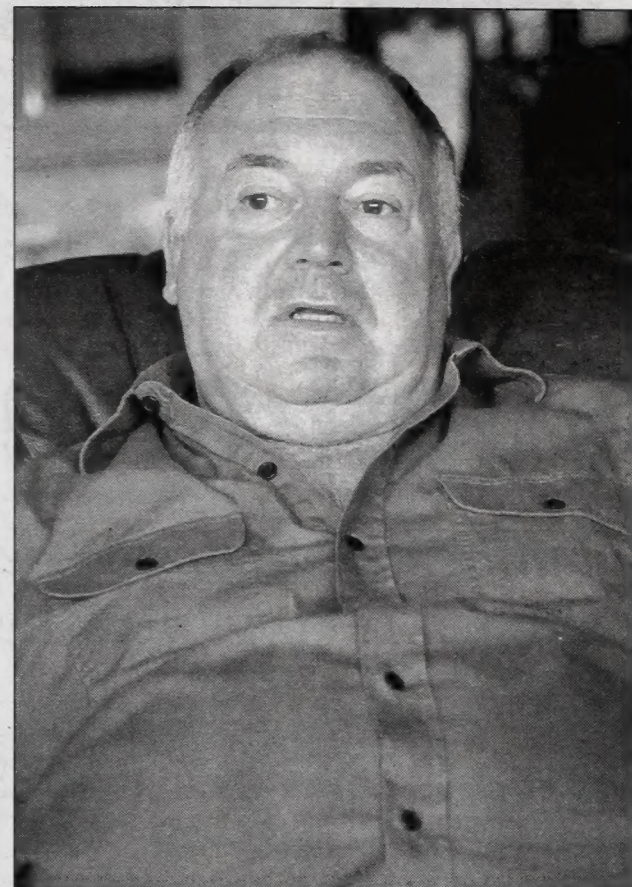
At present, most local produce can be purchased at the "farm gate" with the exception of the small but successful Kinmount Farmers Market held at the old Kinmount train station every Saturday

Thanksgiving.

The attendees discussed a variety of ways of increasing awareness and getting out the message that buying locally provides not only fresher meats and vegetables but also helps the environment by reducing truck shipments. As well, it is good for the economy of Haliburton County.

The group wants to encourage more local residents to get involved in food

and to keep more of the grocery dollars staying in the county as a way of generating local wealth. The challenge is to get people to participate and to get those food products to the local consumer conveniently and at a good price. That will be at the top of the group's agenda when it meets again later in the month. In the meantime, a website will soon be on-line that will tell residents where they can buy locally-produced food products.



Roger Young believes fellow lakefront owners will want to stop the open pit mining – and blasting – planned for the Tory Hill area by Bancroft Uranium.

Uranium foes seek lake associations' help

'If you don't raise your voice they don't know you care. You can't afford to sit there and say nothing,' says Roger Young

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Roger Young lives on one of those cottage roads that seems to never end. A few minutes after turning west off Glamorgan Road you think surely you must have missed his place because no one could live this far into the forest. But no, his directions say keep on going.

So you stop worrying and start to enjoy the drive. Everything is still and peaceful. The sun is still bright on this February afternoon and as it sinks closer to the horizon its brilliance is cut into a thousand slivers by the passing tree trunks. You start to forget the pressures of life and give yourself in to the beauty around you.

By the time the road finally does end at Young's home on the shores of Little Glamor Lake, you no longer need to ask him why he decided to retire here. Who wouldn't want to live among such peaceful splendor?

Young has had a few regrets in life but moving to

Haliburton is not one of them. Not yet. That may change, however, if his battle to stop Bancroft Uranium from blasting an open pit mine a few kilometres away is unsuccessful.

"Haliburton's my home," he says. "I did not come here to get involved [with local issues.] I'm retired, I've done my public service. But I'll be damned if I sit here and let something happen down the road that will have a negative impact on all of us. Open pit mines are an environmental disaster. Mining itself is boom and bust. It's long-term pain for short-term gain."

Almost in spite of himself, Young has become involved in the local campaign to prevent uranium mining in Haliburton County. As much as he'd like nothing more than to continue puttering around his almost finished home, he's spending more and more time on his computer doing research about uranium mining in general and Bancroft Uranium's plans in specific. And he's using his past experience with politics and the mining industry to come up with a campaign urging other Highlanders to join him.

Young had just graduated from law school when he jumped on the wave of Trudeaumania that was sweeping the country and rode it all the way to a job as special assistant to the first minister of mines and resources in the Trudeau government.

He'd grown up in Niagara where his father was deeply involved in the Liberal riding association. His mother's family had roots that went as deep into Conservative soil. "My mother's mother wouldn't speak

to my father at election time," he laughs.

Judy LaMarsh had been the riding's Liberal MP but she had philosophical differences with Trudeau and decided not to run. Joe Green, who had been Minister of Agriculture in the previous Liberal government, decided to run in her stead. The riding association asked Young to get involved with the election and since he'd not yet decided what he wanted to do with his law degree, he said yes.

Green won the election and while he lost his job as Minister of Agriculture to a Western MP, he was given the new Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources portfolio. He asked Young to be his special assistant with particular responsibility for acting as a liaison with three federal agencies: Eldorado Nuclear, Atomic Energy of Canada and the Atomic Energy Control Board.

Eldorado was running a uranium mine in northern Saskatchewan and also managed the country's stockpile of uranium, which is one of Canada's most successful export commodities. (It's the demand for uranium in countries such as China that is driving up today's prices and enticing companies such as Bancroft Uranium into the exploration market. Old mining stakes are being revisited now that it's more feasible to pay for getting the ore out of the ground.)

"Mining is big business," says Young, who was MP for a riding in the Niagara region from 1970 to 1975 before going into labour relations. "Canada as a nation has been successful largely because it's been a seller of resources. It's been a part of the overall economy. There's

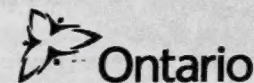
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Open pit mine doesn't belong in cottage country, former MP says

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a cost to it, though. My concern is that Bancroft Uranium wants to run an open pit mine. That's total destruction of that part of the environment."

Bancroft Uranium has purchased the right to stake 9,000 hectares of Crown land near Tory Hill. Dating back centuries, the king, i.e. the Crown, gave people the right to farm his lands but he reserved the right to own whatever they'd find under the surface. If your plow turned up gold, that gold belonged to the crown.

When the Crown (the province of Ontario) started selling off some of its land, it also kept the rights to what lies beneath the surface. Many landowners don't realize that Ontario law gives prospectors the right to stake their properties. While Bancroft Uranium has staked Crown land, there are other companies in the area that have staked private property.

Why does Ontario allow such a practice? Young says, "The Crown is quite happy because if you do develop the land, the Crown will get money out of it and jobs will be created."

The problem with this approach to economic development, he adds, is that mining is, by its very nature, boom and bust. Unlike trees, which you can replace with other trees once you cut them, when all the ore is gone from the ground, it's gone. The mine closes; the jobs move somewhere else.

Young is not joining the argument about why countries want to buy uranium – the fuelling of nuclear power stations. But he is encouraging everyone to convince the provincial government not to allow uranium mines in Haliburton County.

"I'm trying to limit my concerns to the issue of an open pit mine," he says. "I don't care if it's an iron mine or a uranium mine or they're looking for chocolate chips."

If people think that opponents are suffering from the Not In My Back Yard syndrome, he points to the Ranger mine in Australia. Uranium was found in the middle of a national park so the government bent the rules and allowed 80 million metric tonnes of rock to be removed to get the one per cent of uranium ore. That required eight tonnes of explosives for every 30,000 tonnes of rock. The mine operated for 14 years, with blasting every second day.

If people don't fight against mining 9,000 hectares of Crown land near Tory Hill, Young argues, what argument will they have if uranium is found in, say, Algonquin Park? If Bancroft Uranium mines its entire stake, that's the size of five or six Kennesis Lakes.

With open pit blasting, Young says you'll have noise, vibration and dust. Mining the ore also exposes people

and the environment to radioactivity.

As vice-president of the Glamour Lake ratepayers' association, he's witnessed the enormous success that Bonnie Fleishchaker has had in forming a coalition to advocate for lakeshore property owners in Haliburton County when it comes to water drawdowns for the Trent-Severn Waterway. He thinks that cottagers who don't want their investment in the natural beauty of the Highlands to be jeopardized in any way will provide the might in the uranium fight.

"Petitions get presented every day in the House of Commons. They get quickly filed and forgotten about. We need to get enough people bending the ear of their politicians because politicians have to get elected and re-elected.

"I do not think for one moment that the solution here lies in getting the ear of MPP Laurie Scott or even MP Barry Devolin. Where I believe there is much greater political influence and power is tapping into the muscle that is here through recreational property owners. They may be here only seasonally but that means they live somewhere else. If those opposed to an open pit mine can get the message to waterfront property owners then we're not talking about one provincial representative, we're talking 35 to 40.

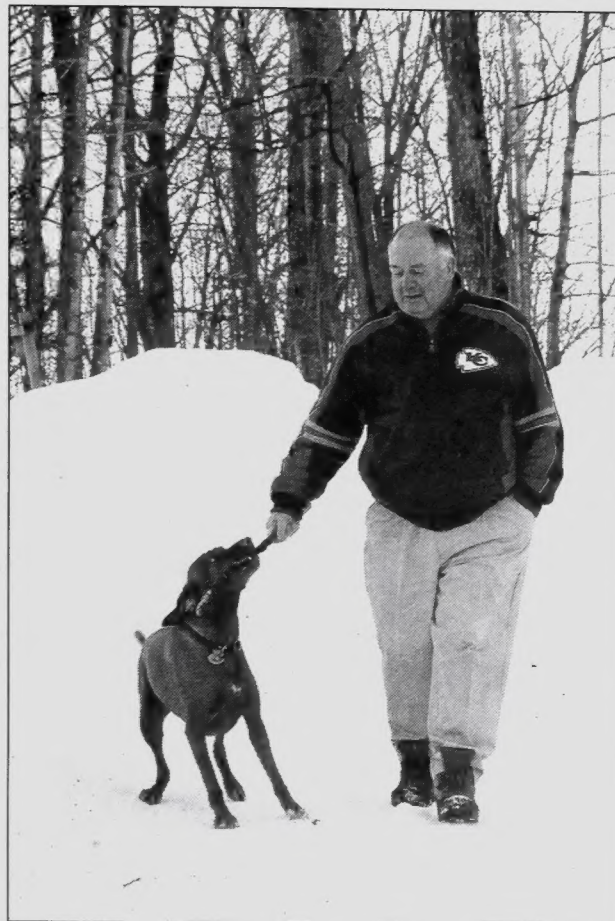
"I won't tell you we have a big club. We have a lot of little guys in boondocks country. But I would at least like to organize and influence the political muscle that's there.

"How will we win? We're all struggling with that now. This is southern Ontario. This is cottage country. We're not talking about the Haliburton County of 50 years ago [when there was shaft mining for uranium.] How do you get government to recognize that?"

As big as the task ahead may seem, Young says the battle must be fought. "You can sit there and do nothing or try and raise your voice and dissent.

"Writing your MPP won't do you any harm. If you don't raise your voice they don't know you care. You can't afford to sit there and say nothing. You might as well put pen to paper. If enough people talk to their politicians about it, if enough of them get concerned, then hopefully you get some of them going into a caucus meeting and expressing their concern. That's where a politician does a lot of work unseen by constituents."

While Young is concentrating on getting the word out to cottage associations, there is also a group called Fight



When Roger Young retired to Glamour Lake he thought he'd be spending most of his time in leisurely pursuits such as taking his dog for a walk.

Against Uranium Everywhere, FUME. Meanwhile, Bancroft Uranium is staking a 35-hectare piece of its property. It will decide whether to continue with exploration if those drill samples prove there is enough uranium to make digging the mine worthwhile.

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Why the policy?

HALIBURTON COUNTY is treading on thin ice with its newly proposed film policy. That much was made clear last week when not only local politicians, but also filmmaker Corey Marr, spoke out in opposition to the proposal which would give the county the final say in which film projects are allowed to operate in the Highlands.

Make no mistake, local government should have some level of control over what goes on within its borders. However, to suggest that government should have the power to review movie scripts and prohibit productions that "promote topics considered to be distasteful" is a

slippery slope, to say the least.

As Marr says in our front-page story, it's simply not the county's role to determine what's "distasteful" when it comes to art. If that were the case, then

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wouldn't every exhibit displayed at the Rails End Gallery have to be approved by council first?

What's more, Haliburton County has to be very careful about what they demand from filmmakers interested in shooting in the Highlands. While it may be true that there has been an increase in filming over the past few years, Haliburton is far from becoming "Hollywood North." Burdening filmmakers with fees and regulations could just scare them off to an area where they aren't bound by such restrictions.

Marr, for example, is an independent film producer operating on a shoestring budget. When he filmed his most recent movie, *Who Loves the Sun*, much of the movie was shot in Manitoba and Northern Ontario where "permit fees were much lower or non-existent."

With that in mind, there's little incentive for Marr to choose Haliburton as the location for his next film. From a filmmakers' perspective, Haliburton County is now more expensive than its neighbours to the north, and also raises red flags as a potential haven for censorship.

Of course, it's probably fair to assume that rampant censorship was never the intention of those who drafted the county's first-ever film policy. In fact, during last week's Dysart council meeting the county's Director of Economic Development, Robert Smith, suggested just the opposite.

"It's just so we can have something in there to say we don't condone it," he told council, adding that the clause would likely never be enforced.

But that in itself begs the question - why would the county insert a regulation that is never intended to be enforced? And if that really is the case, then what's the point in drafting a film policy to begin with? Why do we need a document full of rules and regulations that have no real merit? Simply because they look good on paper?

When the film policy returns to the county council table later this month council needs to consider the impression this policy would give to filmmakers and television crews who are interested in showcasing the Highlands.

Do we want to appear as a welcoming community with an open door policy, or as a maze of red tape and bureaucracy? That's the real question at hand.



Baa, baa, baby sheep

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Another card for my wallet

TODAY I OFFICIALLY BECAME an old geezer. Which is sort of redundant in that there are few young geezers. Today I received my old age security card. It confirms to anyone who doubts it that I am, in fact, well, old. I don't feel old. I could still run if, say, another geezer decided to chase me. No sense in running away if someone under 40 were in pursuit; there would be no contest. I can't do the 100m in 13 seconds like I once could. Doesn't seem that long ago, but alas...

I can still ski, although I don't do it anywhere near enough these days. I could probably still skate if I could get someone younger to plow two feet of snow off a patch of Mountain Lake and flood a rink. Too much snow this year for the lake rink.

I can still toss the old pill around but there just isn't anyone interested in catching it, my kids being off building their own lives. I can still play a few good tunes on the old geezer, but I must admit, it 'kinda hurts my fingers', as one of the Kingston Trio used to say. (Okay, there's proof of age right there; anyone who remembers the Kingston Trio must be a getting a little long in the tooth.)

How come I haven't had an urge to start gardening? I know that it's a perfectly admirable pastime; I just wish I had a green thumb, or even a green foot, but I just never recovered from my father's sentencing me to weeding our entire lawn when I was a kid. I swore I would never break ground for anything ever again as I watched all my pals heading for the old swimming hole leaving me digging in search of the

end of a dandelion root.

Sailing. Yes. I still look forward to launching our wet-ass sailboat. Again, this requires the aid of one or more of my two sons in the launching process as stepping the mast is a project in itself. (The make of boat is an Invitation, for all you sailors out there, and it has an incredibly over-sized mast, which might be why we see more Lasers than Invitations blowing around the lakes.)

Snowmobiling is a ship that sailed without me, having never had a grounding in the activity as a kid. Monsieur Bombardier was still drawing up plans when I was a youngster so there wasn't much beyond a toboggan back in the day. And while the toboggan is probably ecologically more acceptable, it's one of the most dangerous

ways of getting down a hill that was ever devised.

Cross-country skiing is probably in the cards for the likes of me, although I'm still a Dingle Dangler for you Sir Sam aficionados, Crash 'n' Carry being completely out of the question.

Then there's always cross-country walking, as it were. I see the same folks strutting energetically along Scenic Highway 35 every morning at the same time. They walk, and some run, for many miles along this winding ribbon of natural beauty and look to be in far better shape than I am, possibly because I drive past them each day.

Be that as it may, I have this card from the government that can't be denied or ignored. They ask that it be signed, which more or less makes me accept that it's true, which, of course, it is. I'm not sure what it's for, quite frankly, but I'm sure I'll find out.



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There are reasons for the new turkey season

Last week, the Ministry of Natural Resources announced a new turkey season in our area, which is affectionately known as Wildlife Management Unit 56. WMUs 45 and 53 also have a new season this spring. Unless you are a turkey or a turkey hunter, this might not seem like a big thing but, believe me, it is.

I don't think it's any secret that rival gangs of turkeys have been moving into our area for quite some time now – you've

probably seen them strutting throughout the region like they own the place. Trust me, nothing good can come of this.

Oh sure, right now they're into kids' stuff – jaywalking, picking at cow patties, and raiding bird feeders – but, remember, these are just gateway crimes. I fully expect things to escalate from here.

These birds will breed, fight, and roam throughout your back forty making ungodly rackets in the early hours of the day. In a word, they're rowdy.

And, as the name suggests, they're wild. In fact, they're one of the few gallinaceous birds to have a cheap whisky named after them. That in itself should be cause for concern.

I'm not trying to be alarmist but don't be surprised if you hear about wild turkeys shaking down your children for their lunch money or starting up a protection racket. I know that our chickens are nervous – and not for the usual reasons either.

Seriously though, wild turkeys are an amazing, beautiful, and adaptable bird. And, as anyone who has hunted them can attest, they're also cagey. An American acquaintance of mine who is an expert turkey hunter says that they have "one foot on the panic button" at all times. That's a fairly accurate characterization, if you ask me.

Turkey hunting is primarily a calling sport. Hunters who have passed the province's mandatory wild turkey hunting course will go out the night before a hunt and try to "roost a bird." Essentially, this means locating them by means of a locator call, which could be a barred owl call, a gobble, a crow call, or even the slamming of a car door – basically, anything that gets them to sound off in response. Once you've found the roost area, you back off and plan the morning hunt; the idea is to get close to the roost in the pre-dawn darkness, set up, and call them in. Some try to slip in under the roost and shoot them in the tree at legal light, but that takes very little skill and is generally frowned upon.

As previously mentioned, once legal shooting time arrives, you call, hoping to lure in a wily old Tom or even a younger jake; bearded hens are also legal. It's not nearly as easy as it sounds, but that's the attraction.

Perhaps the best part of turkey hunting is that it allows hunters to get out in the woods at a great time of year. And because you sit still and dress in camouflage, you get to observe some incredible things. I've watched deer feed almost at my feet, had hens walk across my boots, seen a multitude of songbirds up close, and have been amazed by the responses of coyotes to my turkey decoy.

Nor is the soundtrack of a turkey hunt any less spectacular. When a gobbler sounds off close, its voice actually booms and startles you. And when they're calling from a distance, it gives a hunter hope.

If you ask me, there's simply nothing like it and I, for one, am grateful for the chance to hunt this glorious bird close to home. April 25th won't get here quick enough.



steve galea

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pic of the past

You know you're getting older when... a) you retire and b) when your photo is in Pic of the Past! On February 22, two long-time officers with the Haliburton Highlands OPP retired, Brian Ladurantaye and David Trepanier. We honour the occasion with this photo of 1955 vintage taken at Canning Lake. It's Bernard Trepanier holding up a four-pound lake trout that he caught with the help of his two-year-old son David. We wonder if there's more fishing in the retired officer's future...

letters to the editor

Should cheap win over safe Meeting solved nothing

To the Editor:

RE: letter "Alternatives Expensive" (March 11)

Although nuclear energy is apparently one of the cheapest forms of energy, it is certainly not safe.

Studies show that the baby teeth of children living in the vicinity of nuclear reactors have elevated levels of strontium-90, and that the incidence of breast cancer in these areas is also higher than elsewhere.

Nuclear reactors emit tritium (radioactive hydrogen) into the atmosphere and lakes. The mining of uranium, and especially open pit mining, blasts tons of dust carrying uranium and other radioactive materials into the atmosphere. The tailings from mines remain radioactive for thousands of years so the mine sites need to be monitored and protected for all those years, as do the

To the Editor:

The recent announcement about the uranium mine exploration in our area, gave us lots of ammunition for shooting into the mining company. However the "country fair sideshow" at the meeting in Wilberforce solved nothing. The main reason? It was not properly prepared by the mining company (no experts came), Highlands East (no moderator and schedule for the public presentation) and the opposing side (no clear legal objectives defined), thus the chaotic outbursts from the public.

I would suggest that in order to oppose uranium exploration and mining in our area, it is necessary to define the basis for the opposition, which means to hire a very good lawyer who will find and give us legal advice on how to proceed. We need to know if there is a legal way to stop the exploration

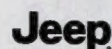
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Look at all sides of issue

To the Editor:
Re: Prof. McNamee's letter in last week's Echo regarding the "safety" and "economy" of nuclear-produced electricity. As an academic, he should know enough to look at all sides of the issue. Buried uranium may offer little danger but removing it from the ground and processing it certainly do. Nuclear generating plants are located on the shores of the Great Lakes so that the water used to cool the reactors can be dumped into them, destroying the natural habitat there. Think about the costs in energy and road maintenance to transport the ore to its point of use.
As to the personal cost of buying electricity, as a user of Bullfrog (i.e. green) Power, I am paying approximately \$100 more per month, not \$1,000, than I did using Hydro One's electricity. Yes, it hurts. But my footprint is a little smaller. Perhaps my grandkids have a little better future to look forward to.
Jean Clarke
Haliburton

Risks are forever dangerous

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burial sites of the depleted uranium. It is just not possible to contain forever all the rain and snow runoff from these sites so radioactivity must be carried into the rivers and lakes, and into our drinking water.
Radioactivity is dangerous. It is known that it causes cancers and birth defects. Despite assurances from "the authorities" that levels are safe, the fact remains that the only safe level of radioactivity is zero.
For years past we have not been paying the true costs of the electricity we use, as evidenced by the huge debt accumulated by Ontario Hydro.
You need only Google a few of the key words to find more than enough evidence to convince you that considering the costs of site monitoring, destroyed land, the enormous health care costs and the cost to society in lost and ruined lives, nuclear-generated electricity doesn't seem so cheap.
Brenda Harvey
Tory Hill

We need to know our rights

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and mining here. If there is no legal way to do it, then we need advice on how to force the mining company to minimize the damage to our properties and to our livelihood. Promises won't do!
I also believe, that some involvement of our elected representatives in Highlands East wouldn't do any harm to it either.
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Sightings of wild turkeys have become commonplace over the past few years. This photo was taken in Minden. The hunting season for wild turkeys, April 25 to May 31, has been extended to the southern half of the county.

Wild turkeys adapt well to local winters

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potential to have an impact on the population at all," Hubert says. Alas for the gobblers, they are expendable and no one will notice that they are gone.

Wild turkeys were wiped out in Ontario by the turn of the 20th century. In 1984, the province released about 4,400 wild turkeys at 275 sites across the province. However, at first, hunting was restricted to southern Ontario. Now, because the turkeys went forth and multiplied with wild abandon, there are more than 70,000 of them in Ontario.

Contrary to expectation they've also proven themselves resilient to Highlands winters so the hunting area is being expanded. Last week the MNR announced that the spring hunt is now open in wildlife units 45, 43 and 56 – the St. Joseph's Island, Bracebridge and Minden areas.

The spring hunt is limited to "birds with beards." While there are a few wild turkey hens that sport a few whiskers, most beards belong to the male gobblers.

Hunters can buy two licences, one per bird killed, which are valid anywhere in Ontario where the hunt is legal. All hunters who get a wild turkey licence must take part in a wild turkey seminar.

The ministry is not putting any restrictions on the number of licences it sells. It knows that wild turkeys are wily prey.

"They have extremely good eyesight so they are quite a challenge," Hubert says. As well, the wild turkey hunt tends to be self-limiting: people usually hunt the bird only if they see it in their neighbourhood.

Wild turkeys started to be spotted in the Highlands about five years ago. Empirical evidence has proven that they have been able to find ways to feed themselves in a forested terrain.

Wild turkeys usually like farmers' fields and are particularly keen about corn, says Keith Hodgson, president of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association. "Because we're not a farming area, technically the birds aren't supposed to be here. They've proven everyone wrong."

It helps that they will eat the same type of feed that landowners leave out for deer. However, they've also been seen hanging upside down on tree branches to eat buds. Wild turkeys have been spotted as far north as New Liskeard.

Just because they're doing well now doesn't mean they will continue to thrive in this area.

Hodgson, who supports the extension of the hunt area and would like it to include the entire county, doesn't believe this habitat naturally supports them. "You'll never sustain a big population," he says. "You might as well hunt them as let them starve to death."

Hodgson says that if the wild turkey population declines, hunting can once again be restricted.

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Dysart hopes new program will solve summer bear problem

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 10 meeting of Dysart et al council.

Council has decided it's time to wise up. Wise up about bears, that is.

Council voted in favour of applying for funding under the MNR's Bear Wise program, despite the fact that they voted against the same proposal at a meeting one week earlier.

If successful, Dysart will receive funding to install large bear-proof garbage bins at the South Bay and West Bay landfill sites of Haliburton Lake. The hope is that the bins will keep bears from lingering around the two landfills, reducing the potential for them to make contact with people.

Originally it was believed that the program would be of little benefit to the municipality, and could actually create more problems if the bears grow hungry without that food source.

"We're essentially shutting down their restaurant here," said Reeve Murray Fearrey at the March 3 planning meeting. "I'm just worried that might drive them into people's homes and cottages even more."

Councillor Dan Kay also had concerns over co-ordinating the new system. Under the program, containers are required to be dumped regularly and must be immediately covered with fill, meaning landfill operators will have to work out a strict schedule.

Nevertheless, at the recommendation of landfill operator Mark Brohm and the municipality's waste management committee, council has agreed to apply for funding and to see whether they are successful.

"It will be interesting to try it on a trial basis and see what happens," said Fearrey.

One added benefit of the new system is that the containers will help cut down on litter blowing away from the site, he added. However, the new system will also mean that landfill attendants have to be even more aware, in order to ensure that patrons don't try to sneak recyclables into the containers designated for garbage.

Rock the Wake

Council received an update from Rock the Wake organizer Chris Nimigon informing them that Nimigon's team is "still waiting on certain factors" before they can determine whether the festival will return to Haliburton this summer.

In his letter Nimigon said his team will continue ironing out the event's details for council's review, but did note that this year's festival would likely be a two-day event, rather than a three-day event as in previous years.

At this time Nimigon has requested the



The days of bears snacking at Dysart landfills may soon come to an end. The municipality has applied for funding under the MNR's bear-wise program.

tentative dates of August 9 and 10 to hold the popular wakeboarding event and concert, but council has only agreed to hold the weekend until a better offer comes along.

More details are expected to be presented at the April council meeting.

Suspicious fires

Fire chief Miles Maughan told council that his department has been on edge as of late, after three suspicious fires were started in Haliburton within the past month.

"These arsons are a real concerns for us," he said.

Maughan said the first two fires were started hours apart, both in the washroom of the Stedmans Mall in downtown Haliburton. A third was started at the high school in a large blue recycling bin, leaving a large black mark on the building's bricks.

Fortunately, Maughan noted that the OPP have since taken over the investigation, but as yet no one has been charged in relation to the incidents.

Deputy fire chief

Council also passed a by-law appointing Don Stephenson the municipality's new deputy fire chief.

Stephenson, who was present for the meeting alongside Maughan, thanked council for the opportunity and presented them with a letter he had written on his reflections as a 20-year member of the volunteer fire department.

"I know it's going to cause some discussion, but that's what I wrote it for," said Stephenson. "My hope is that council will look it over and we can discuss it at the next meeting."

At this time the contents of the letter are not known, but Stephenson did say it was

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Council backs away from a heated gravel pit debate

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about "where we are as a department, and where we are headed."

Council thanked Stephenson for taking the initiative and agreed to place the item on the agenda for their April meeting.

Road assistance

By-law enforcement officer Matthew Aldom has agreed to work weekends during wintry weather, in an effort to help roads superintendent Brian Nicholson deal with the high number of vehicles parking on roadways and blocking snow removal.

In his report Aldom wrote, "The number of vehicles that are parking on municipal roads during the week seems to have reduced" but "it seems that there are increasing problems on the weekends with cottagers parking on municipal roads."

Nicholson estimates there were between 20 and 30 problem vehicles on weekends throughout the past month.

Under the new system Aldom will be available to work on weekends and help Nicholson distribute tickets to offending vehicles. In accordance with a by-law passed last winter, offending motorists can be fined up to \$200 and have their cars towed if they are impeding snow removal efforts.

Gravel pit

Council backed away from a controversial gravel pit proposal after hearing two passionate delegations with conflicting evidence at their planning meeting.

"We almost feel like the Ontario Municipal Board sitting here. We have two opposite sides of the spectrum...and no way of telling who is right," said Reeve Murray Fearrey.

The proponent, Dale Griffin, came to council to argue that the property in question - on Backwoods Lane in West Guilford - had been used for gravel purposes in the past. As a result, he was asking that council recognize that and confirm with the Ministry of Natural Resources so he could complete his application process.

However, a number of the area's residents also turned out to last week's meeting to argue against the proposal, swearing that there was never any such activity, nor is there any evidence of an ongoing commercial gravel pit on that property.

Both sides had a number of sworn affidavits from neighbours, some who agreed that there was a pit on the property, while others adamantly swore against it. One resident had even signed his name for each side's case, making the matter all the more confusing for council.

After nearly an hour of discussion and debate council went into a closed session to discuss the matter, and upon arising they ruled against making any decision on the matter.

"There's conflicting evidence here and we're not a court of law," said Fearrey. "We simply feel this is beyond our jurisdiction."

As a result, Fearrey told Griffin that his two remaining options were to apply to for a re-zoning of the property or take the matter to court. Griffin said he already had a lawyer ready to argue his case.

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Entrepreneur wants to make recycling his business

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 11 meeting of Highlands East council.

Highlands East may soon have its own recycling depot.

During last week's meeting local entrepreneur Greg Filtos approached council with the idea of establishing a community recycling station that would accept everything from plastic, cardboard, paper and scrap metal, to batteries and other materials that currently tend to slip into landfills.

While the operation would be a private business, separate from the municipality's current landfill operations, Filtos said he would like to work closely with the township to establish guidelines and work together to preserve precious space

in local dumps. If successful, Filtos' business could dramatically reduce recycling costs incurred by the municipality.

"The idea is to get into a game plan here," he said.

Filtos said he wasn't sure exactly where the best spot would be for his proposed business, and asked for direction from both council and the township's environmental and property supervisor Glen Covert.

He also asked that the municipality provide a letter of support that would help him gain a certificate of approval from the Ministry of the Environment – the first step toward making his proposal a reality.

Over time Filtos said his goal would be to expand his business, both throughout Haliburton County and into the Bancroft area.

Council seemed very receptive to the proposal and approved Filtos' request in principle, pending approval from the MOE.

Fire calls

Fire chief Bill Wingrove commended the municipality's volunteer firefighters last week after three major fires in three days last month brought out the best in the department and demonstrated how well they can work together.

The first fire, said Wingrove, occurred on February 8 at 1:30 a.m. in Harcourt. Firefighters from five different stations were called to a burning house next to the gas station, and did such an incredible job extinguishing the blaze that even the fire marshal was impressed.

"They've turned it into a training exercise," Wingrove told council. "They did a great job working as a team and never ran out of water."

The next day around 1 p.m. Wingrove said firefighters were called to a fully-enclosed barn on Hadlington Road, in which stations 1 and 2 were called for tankers to supply station 4 and 5. Again, Wingrove said the crews worked quickly together to put out the blaze and completely save the house next to the barn.

Finally, on February 10 at roughly 4:30 a.m. crews from stations 1, 2, 4 and 5 were called to the Bostonian motel. Their quick response time allowed them to contain the fire to one unit which "was a feat in itself, considering the age and construction of the building," wrote Wingrove in a later report.

"Basically, I have nothing but praise for our fire fighters," he told council. "It's very unusual that we get that many fires in such a short amount of time, but they handled it exceptionally well."

Fire trucks

In other fire department news, council has accepted a tender from Asphodel Fire Trucks Ltd. of Norwood in the amount of \$735,000 to provide the municipality with four new fire trucks.

The new equipment to be purchased includes two 1500 Imperial Gallon Wetside Tankers and two 4000 LPM

triple combination pumpers.

In the tender council stipulated that both tanker units must be delivered by March 31, while the pumper units must be delivered no later than December 31, 2008.

After accepting the tender, council then passed a by-law authorizing an application for financing over ten years to pay for the new trucks. However, it was also noted that the township intends to pay back the debt within seven years, at which time there may be more equipment that needs to be replaced.

Budget

CAO/Treasurer Sharon Stoughton-Craig said the municipality has circulated notice that the 2008 budget will be passed and adopted at the March 25 council meeting.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will take place at 9 a.m. in the council chambers.

Stoughton-Craig said the increase proposed for this year is five per cent, relatively low compared to preliminary figures coming from both the county and the neighbouring municipality of Dysart, which is currently sitting around an eight per cent increase.

By-law officer

The municipality is coming close to hiring a new chief by-law enforcement officer. It was noted that a number of applications have been received for the position, which closes on March 26.

In the meantime Dan Sayers, CBO for Dysart, has been filling in the vacancy and conducting inspections.

"We wanted to make sure we maintained the same level of service," said Reeve Dave Burton.

Sayers has also agreed to sit in on interviews to help the township pick a suitable candidate to replace Marie Schutt, who was terminated with cause during a special meeting of council last month.



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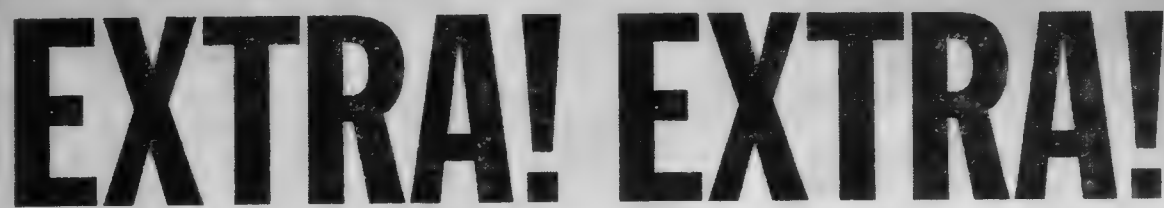
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Once an island by several other names, the 22 acres preserved by Bruce Carruthers to honour his late wife now formally bears her name.

Cottagers on Kennisis Lake had been calling it Norah's Island for years but the identity only became official late last month when it was approved by the Ontario Geographic Names Board.

A strong response to a survey of members of the Kennisis Lake Cottager Owners' Association (KLCOA) persuaded the Names Board to accept the name, which will appear on provincial maps and other documents.

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust chair Ian Daniel wrote a letter to the Names Board asking that Norah's be adopted after title to the island was formally transferred from Carruthers to the Trust last March.

Daniel was carrying out Carruthers' wishes. Norah and Bruce left the island undeveloped for the 32 years they owned it and it will be kept forever wild under the joint management of the Trust and the KLCOA.

Before it became known informally as Norah's, it was known variously as Big Island, Bear Island, Bearberry Island, Adventure Island, Joe's Island, Big Joe's Island and Party Island.

Jeff Ball, geographic names specialist with the Ministry of Natural Resources in Peterborough, said the 25 of 35 cottagers who responded to a survey all supported the change to Norah's. The Township of Dysart et al also was asked for input.

The final step in the naming process occurred January 28, when Minister of Natural Resources, Donna Cansfield, gave her

approval, but the Trust only learned of it last week.

Daniel praised Carruthers' "persistence and the willing co-operation of Kennisis Lake residents" in the naming process.

"All along Bruce Carruthers kept clearly in his mind his vision of naming the island after his late wife, a lover of Haliburton landscapes," Daniel said.

Carruthers thanked the KLCOA members who responded to the survey. "Having the name in local use was a deciding factor," he said.

Jeff Pinkney, chair of KLCOA's Lands Committee, said there had been a groundswell of support for the new name since Carruthers first asked the cottagers if they had any objections to the name in 2006.

Pinkney said anonymous woodworkers had anticipated the approval and installed name signs on the island. "And now it's official – a beautiful name for a beautiful island," he said.

The 22-acre island, which was protected from logging and the invasion of non-native species by the waters of Kennisis, is the Land Trust's first acquisition.

The income from an endowment fund raised by the cottagers will pay the ongoing costs of managing the island.

The Trust is a non-profit, non-governmental registered charity supported by individuals who want to ensure that special natural places in the county are safeguarded for the future.

Though Ontario has 48,000 named physical features, only one of them is called Norah's Island. The only place in Ontario named Norah, is Norah Lake, near North Bay. There are Nora lakes near Sudbury, Thunder Bay and Kenora, and a Nora Creek and Nora Portage near Kenora, even Haliburton's own St. Nora Lake.

New names are fairly unusual, Ball said. In an average year, 60 of them might be approved.



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The Pipsissewa, an unusual flower found on Norah's Island.

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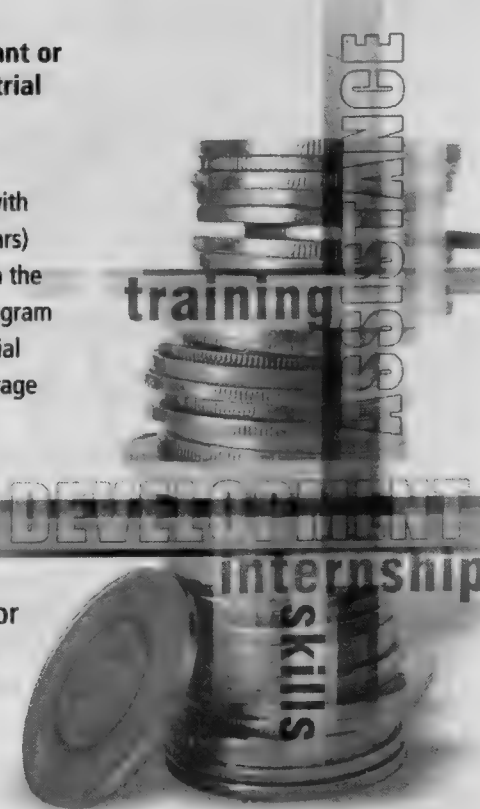


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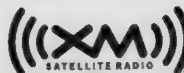
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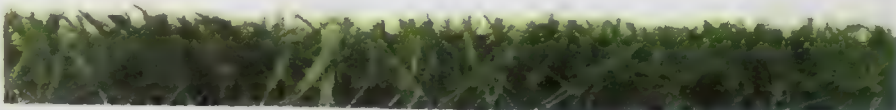
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GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

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For details on the contest call the municipal office at (705) 457-1740.

Easter Bunny will visit Maple Fest

HILDA CLARK

Wilberforce Correspondent

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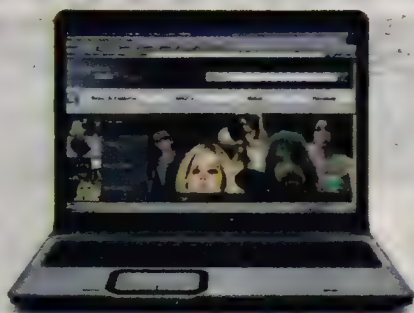
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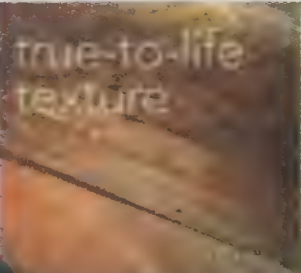
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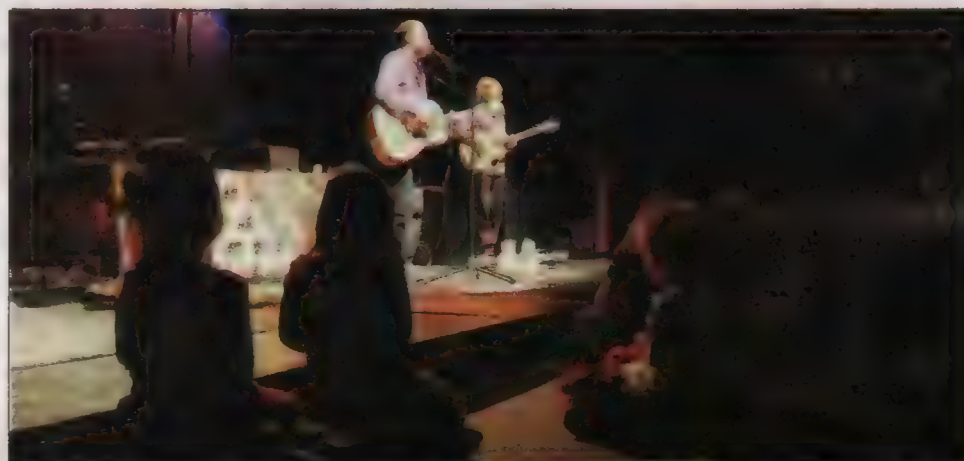
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Chris McKhool and bass player Kevin Laliberte want to warm up children's enthusiasm for the environment. He used his March 2 performance at the Northern Lights Pavilion to entertain and inspire the large crowd of children and adults.



McKhool has been on Mr. Dressup, YTV's Treehouse, TVOntario's CrawlSpace and live CBC Television and Radio appearances. His 14-song Earth, Seas & Air show is part musical performance and part environmentalism. McKhool's songs, such as B is for Bicycle, When You're a Tree, Rivers, Lakes & Seas and We Must Take Care, are all fun educational tools to start teaching children at an early age to care about the environment in a fun way. He was in Haliburton as part of the Razzamataz Children's Concert Series.

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So however you spend the day remember to have fun and enjoy the day!

Prime Rib with Mushroom Sauce

6-7 lbs prime rib
quarter cup Dijon
2 tbsp chopped rosemary
1 tsp salt
2 tsp ground pepper
Gravy
2 pkgs sliced button mushrooms. About 8 cups

2 tbsp flour
1 cup red wine
2 cups beef broth or water
Pinches of salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 325°. Place roast, fat side up, in a shallow bowl. Stir Dijon together with rosemary, salt and pepper. Rub over top and sides of beef. Roast uncovered in centre of oven until a thermometer inserted in centre of meat reads 125° for rare 135° for medium rare or 145° for medium. This will take anywhere from two to three hours, depending on the size of your roast.

While roast is standing make gravy: Place roasting

pan over 2 burners or pour pan juices into a large sauce and set over medium heat. Add mushrooms and stir often until soft, 6-8 minutes. Stir in flour and stir until coated. Gradually whisk in wine then broth. Stirring all the while, bring to a boil. Then simmer to develop flavour, about 5 minutes. If too thick, thin with broth. Taste and add salt and pepper if needed. Slice roast and serve gravy on the side. 563 calories per serving 32.7 g fat and 1.1 g fibre

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3 and half cups flour
1 tbsp baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
1 can regular or low fat condensed milk
3/4 cup butter, softened
2 eggs
1 tsp vanilla extract

12 squares baker's semi sweet or white chocolate melted
Decorative icing

Combine flour, baking powder, and salt; set aside. Beat sweetened condensed milk, butter, eggs and vanilla until well blended. Add dry ingredients: mix well.

Shape dough into a ball cover and chill 2 hours.

Divide dough into flour. On lightly floured surface roll one portion of dough until one-eighth inch thick. Cut out shapes with cookie cutter. Place on parchment paper lined baking sheet.

Bake at 350° for 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned around edges. Remove from baking sheet cool on racks. Repeat until all dough is used.

Dip cookies into melted chocolate: allow to set. Decorate with icings.

To make coloured icings: Mix one cup milk with enough milk, adding tbsp at a time until a thick spreadable consistency. Divide into small saucers and add food colouring. Let the kids create their own colours, they love it. Makes 6 dz cookies

Sunny chocolate Easter Eggs

1/2 cup butter, softened
1 tsp salt
1 can regular can condensed milk
1 tsp vanilla or almond extract
Few drops yellow or red food colouring
2.2 lb icing sugar or 1 kg
20 squares semi sweet chocolate melted
Candy sprinkles
Decorative icing

Cream butter and salt until fluffy. Beat in sweetened condensed milk, vanilla and food colouring Gradually beat in icing sugar until well blended. Knead with hands until mixture is smooth and pliable. Form into 30 medium-sized eggs. Place onto parchment paper lined trays. Cover and chill 4 hours or until firm.

Dip eggs into melted chocolate. Place back on tray. Let stand until chocolate is firm then decorate with icing and sprinkles. Makes 30 eggs

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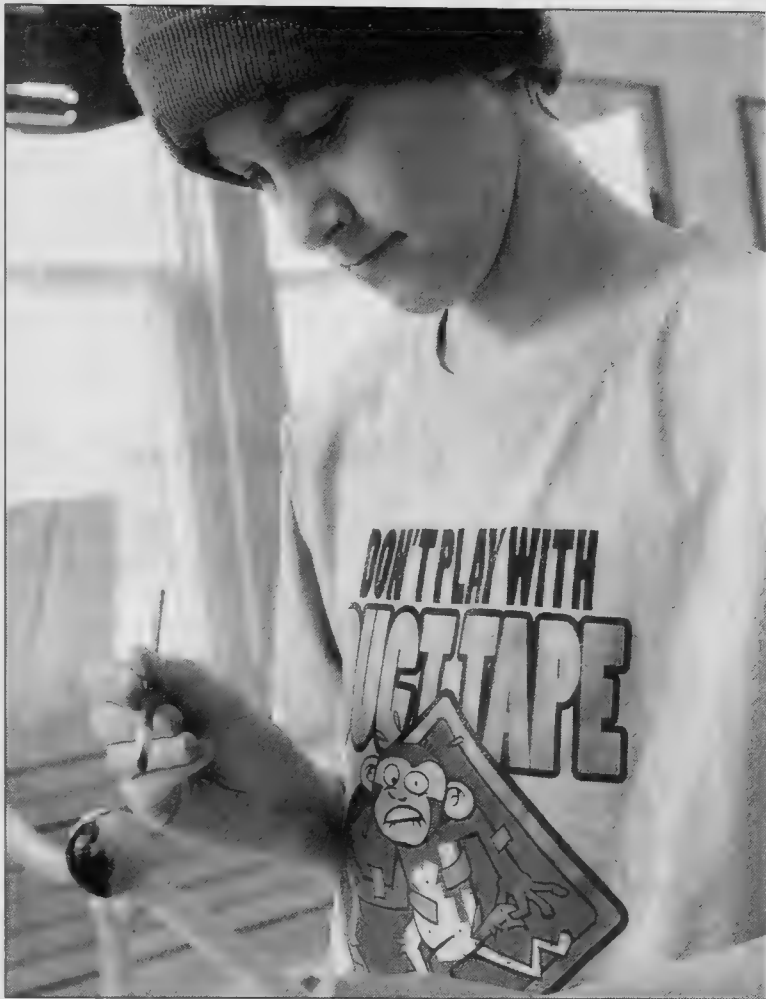
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The beat goes on at the Rails End Gallery

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There were drums and paint brushes as far as the eye could see during the Rails End Gallery's March break camp last week. Above, 10-year-old Mia Kocot feels the beat while Adam Douma (top right) decorates his drumstick before joining in the circle. Below, drumming instructor John Proctor teaches the kids how to keep a rhythm with even household instruments like pots and pans. At right, the whole group joins in the fun, including Rails End Gallery curator Laurie Jones (far right).



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Film policy raises censorship issues

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actually expect to fill out forms and pay a fee," he said. "And our fees would be much lower than surrounding areas, like the Durham Region."

Councillor Andre Roberts came to the defence of the policy, saying that she thinks it would only help increase filming in the Highlands.

"I think it could be used as a tool for promotion. It makes things look more professional, so I don't see anything wrong with it," she said.

Deputy-reeve Bill Davis acknowledged Roberts' point, but still argued that such policies should be left to individual municipalities, rather than instituting a one-size-fits-all solution.

"I'm just not sure this is the right tool," he said.

Before ending the conversation, Pogue also drew attention to one of the more disputed sections of the policy, which reads, "Productions promoting topics (X-rated, violating local, provincial or federal laws) or considered to be distasteful to the general public...will not be permitted."

Pogue said that kind of censorship would eliminate many potential projects, and suggested it wasn't the county's place to enforce such regulations.

"These days almost every movie has something in it...even underage drinking is against the law."

In response, Smith said most film poli-

cies include some clause of a similar effect, but rarely are enforced.

"It's just so we can have something in there to say we don't condone it," said Smith.

Nevertheless, the threat of censorship has at least one filmmaker questioning the county's motives.

Corey Marr, a film producer from Toronto, said that, if passed, such a stipulation would certainly drive away many filmmakers considering Haliburton County as a location for their films.

"I don't believe it's the role of the county to determine what content may be 'distasteful.' The Canadian Criminal Code has sufficient definitions of obscenity and pornography, and those should be enough," said Marr in an e-mail to the Echo.

Many in the area may remember Marr as the producer who spoke this past summer at the Haliburton International Film Festival and introduced his film, *Who Loves the Sun*.

Marr said the film was shot in cottage country (similar to Haliburton County) in various parts of Manitoba and Lake of the Woods, Ontario.

There, permit fees were "much lower or non-existent," said Marr, suggesting that Haliburton County may be shooting itself in the foot by putting an end to its current open-door policy.

"If passed, this policy will have a tremendous impact on future productions coming to your region."

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Filmmaker COREY MARR



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Corey Marr, who presented his film at the Molou last summer, says fees in other jurisdictions are much less.

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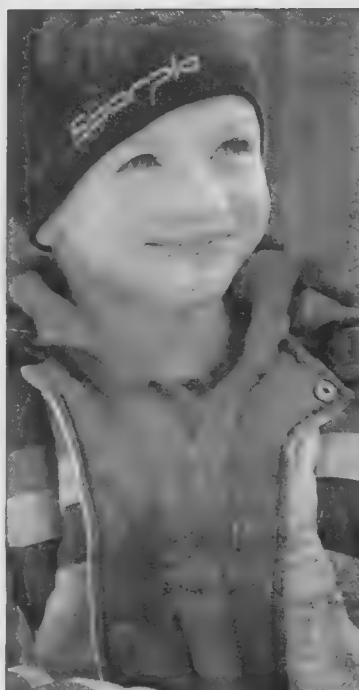
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The late Jack Robertson's daughter, Jackie Metcalfe, on right, presents the trophy in her father's honour to the winning team of Peter O'Connor, Wes Lytle, Brian Murison and Del Watson.

OPP lay another charge

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Two local studios and Fleming College's Haliburton School of The Arts will be featured at the spring One of A Kind Show March 20 to 24 at Toronto's Direct Energy Centre.

The School of the Arts will have an exhibit at the show. Graduates, including artist blacksmith Tracey Green of Tory Hill, will be on hand to show their work and speak about their experience at the school. As well, college representatives will be attending to provide information and resources on all of the courses and programs available in Haliburton.

Glass-blowing artists Jennifer Wanless-Craig and Terry Craig of Tory Hill will also have a booth. They're hoping that people vote for their submission in the Easter Bunny competition.

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Local musicians such as Cass Marie have always found receptive audiences at the monthly Open Stage concerts. All are welcome to perform.

Tap your toes at the new venue for Open Stage

The Haliburton County Folk Society is pleased to announce that the new venue for Open Stage will be the Haliburton Highlands Museum in Haliburton.

Good acoustics, a warm atmosphere, and lots of Haliburton County heritage make the museum the ideal location for Open Stage. The audience at several recent and very successful concerts held there can attest to that claim.

Open Stage is yours to discover. Visit with friends, sip a tasty beverage, enjoy dynamic hosts, and of course tap your toes to the fine tunes performed by Haliburton County musicians, and special (and sometimes surprise) guests. You never know who will show up at Open Stage.

Open Stage is held on the third Saturday of every month. The music starts at 8:00 pm; the doors open at 7:30. Performers can sign up upon arrival. Admission is only \$2. All ages welcome.

The Haliburton County Folk Society thanks Peter and Alison of the York Street Internet Café for hosting Open Stage for the last few years. Thanks for the great space, the fine hospitality, the delicious java and all the hard work setting and cleaning up.

For more details on Open Stage and the Haliburton County Folk Society see www.haliburtonfolk.com, e-mail info@haliburtonfolk.com or call (705) 754-FOLK (3655).

Public speaking contest results are in

The results of the Wilberforce Legion Branch 624 Public Speaking Contest on Thursday February 28 are as follows.

- Storytelling, Grades 1 to 3
1. Carmen Galea, My Cat Dash
 2. Keisha Hughes, My Life
 3. Caleb Manus, Motorbikes
- Speeches, Grades 4 to 6
1. Jake Ruddell, Drag Racing
 2. Cole Finlay, Fire Department
 3. Rebecca Anderson, Burps

Carmen Galea and Jake Ruddell will participate at the Zone F-5 contest on Saturday, March 29 in Havelock.

We wish Jake and Carmen all the best and hope to see

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both students continue on to the District "F" contest in Lakefield.

Best wishes for speedy recoveries go out to Dot Bebbington and George Green.

Lest We Forget:

March 18: Open Darts 7:30 p.m.

March 19: Open Euchre 1:00 p.m.

March 20: Open Pool 1:00 p.m.

March 21: Meat Draw 3:00 p.m.

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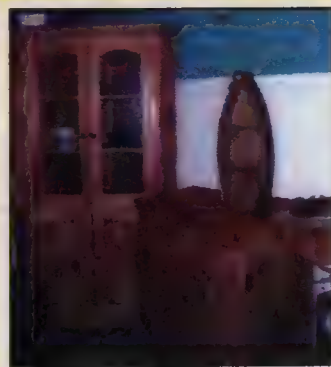
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MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Take a can of shaving cream and slather some of the contents on a piece of cloth or paper. Add some drops of paint, swirl it all around and then scrape off the excess. As Amanda Brisco discovered at the Art Hive in Maple Lake last week, the result is either a pretty bandana or some beautifully coloured cards.

Maple Lake a hive of creativity

Every one of the children's workshops at The Art Hive was full during the March break, beginning with Barry Hayward's Rhythmania and April Gates' The Rhythm of Clay, continuing on Tuesday with Coil Pot and Clay Creatures taught by Lisa Barry. April Gates instructed on Wednesday in Clay Fish Pockets, and Erin Lynch taught Felt Bead Jewellery which continued on Thursday. Wire Jewellery was also under the instruction of Erin Lynch on Thursday, which was also devoted to Blacksmithing with Tracey Green and Daryl Sands.

It was great to see the forge and anvils used by the class outside. The image of "the smith, mighty man is he with large and sinewy hands" was undergoing a change as I observed young girls and boys engaged in this craft.

Friday's marbelized art on paper and fabric was termed "Getting Silly with Shaving Cream" with Sandi Luck instructing.

The day finished with Sharon Lynch encouraging the class to use feathers, fun fur, paint and other embellishments on felt to create individual banners.

Cheers for the initiative of the Maple Lake Artisans Collective which initiated the programs and saw them through to the benefit of all who attended. Call 754-0021 for details of other events. Thursday evenings sound like fun, not that I can attend, Thursday night being choir night in Canada!

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Eleanor Cooper
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The Shean family from Collingwood came for the first part of the school holidays to ski, snowboard, or snowshoe at our place. Indoor games included Scrabble, Triominos, cards and crokinole. Company at the other house was arriving from Woodstock: Janet Robb and grandson, David and Betty Cooper.

Louise Cooper's company was Marlene Elliot and Paul Madden and girls, Jenny, Louise, and Stephanie who were there from Thursday until Louise's birthday on Sunday.

Louise is sorting pictures from her two-week sojourn with a bus tour in Israel back in February. The venture took them to Cairo, to St. Catherine's monastery in Sinai, to Taba, Egypt, Aqaba, Petra, and Am mania Jordan, to Tiberias, Israel and finished in Jerusalem in that city.

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CURRENT EVENTS

- **Mar 18 - Apr 22:** Babysitter Training Course - Ontario Early Years Centre Haliburton Victoria Brock - 6 sessions. Haliburton OEYC Tuesdays from 4-6pm. Must be 12 years old by June 30, 2008. Pre-registration required at 286-4625.
- **Mar 20:** Haliburton Well Baby Drop-in Clinic. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 10 am to noon. For more information, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Mar 20:** Haliburton County Food Handler Course. Event is held to certify food handlers in safe food handling methods. Cost \$20/person. Held at Health Unit office (191 Highland Street, Unit 301) in Haliburton Village from 9 am to 3 pm. Call (705) 457-1391 for more details and to register.
- **Mar 26:** Emergency First Aid & Level A CPR Course - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 a.m. at Haliburton Curling Club, Haliburton. For further information, please call St. John Ambulance, Kawartha Branch 324-9894.
- **Mar 26:** Parent Talk Time - Haliburton OEYC from 10am - 11:30am - Introducing Solids with your Toddler. Join Beth MacEachern and Megan Stong from HKPR Health Unit as they provide hands-on demonstration on introducing solids with your child. For more information please phone 457-2989.
- **Mar 26 & 27:** Standard First Aid & Level A CPR Course - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 a.m. at Haliburton Curling Club, Haliburton. Must attend both sessions. For further information, please call St. John Ambulance, Kawartha Branch 324-9894.
- **Apr 2:** VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m. Located in the Community Care Drop-In Centre in the Halco Plaza in Haliburton. Subsequent clinics the first Wed. of every month. To book an appointment call 1-800-743-6255. Everyone Welcome
- **Apr 3:** Figure out Food Labels - with registered dietitian Rosie Kadwell, 10:30 am in Haliburton, 2 pm in Minden. Please call 457-1391 ext. 245 for more information and to sign up.

ONGOING EVENTS

- Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton Br. 129 - Every Wed. night is Bingo night. Early Bird at 7:00 p.m.
- Royal Canadian Legion, Minden Br. 636, holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wed. of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- Taoist Tai Chi Society holds several daytime and evening classes a week in Haliburton, Minden and Wilberforce. Visitors are always welcome. New classes start each Jan, May and Sept. Call Brenda at 447-2148.
- The Haliburton Highland Whirlers - a modern square dancing group, meets every Wed. at 7:30 p.m. in the gym at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School. Call Bob Jackson, 457-2552.
- The Haliburton Highlands Handweavers & Spinners Guild meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m., new members welcome. Contact Marian Gillanders, 489-3574, for information on meeting location.
- The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group meets the 3rd Tues. of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. Call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- The Minden Women's Institute - Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month, now until June/08 at 1:30 p.m. Contact Pam 754-1656 or Mary 286-1158 for upcoming meeting location.
- TOPS -. Take off pounds sensibly. Join us Mondays at Community Care. First meeting free. Weigh-in at 9:30-10 a.m. followed by short meeting. Call Don or Mary at 447-2420.
- Township of Algonquin Highlands - For adults & seniors in the community, Euchre at Club 35 on Mondays at 7 p.m. For more info call: 489-2945.
- Township of Algonquin Highlands - Writers Circle every other Sat. at Club 35 at 9 a.m. The circle is open to writers of all capabilities, (experienced or emerging). Call: 489-3878.
- Skating - Moms & Tots Skating (Free) Wednesdays 10am-12pm. or, Adults Skate (\$1.00) Wednesdays Noon-2 pm, both held at the SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden.
- Security Check Phone Call - Community Care Haliburton County has volunteers to give seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults a Security Check Phone Call. Call Judy at 457-2941.
- Weight Lifting for Mature Adults offered by Community Care - Every Tuesday - individual evaluations and individual programs designed by a Can-Fit Pro certified personal trainer. Call 457-2941 for information.

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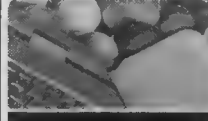
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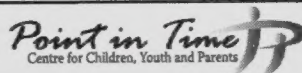


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Deaths

KASEPCHUCK, Teresa Jennifer -
Teresa was taken away suddenly from
her family on Wednesday, March 12,
2008. In her 27th year.

Loving daughter of Winnie and Gary
Kasepchuk. Beloved sister to Jason
(Kelly), Ashley (Jeremy), and Kimmy.
Sadly missed by her boyfriend Stephen
Brooks. Predeceased by her grandpar-
ents; Bill and Irene Kasepchuk, Fred
and Winnifred Henderson. Dear niece
of Billy and Suzanne, Mark and Sheila,
Helen, Diane and Brian, Rena and
Rene, Walter and Ruth, Joan and
Gary, Dennis and Joan, Larry, and the
late Teresa. Loved by all who were
ever touched in her life. She will be
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Then to Our Lady of Fatima Catholic
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am. Reception to follow in the Church
Hall.

In Lieu of flowers, donations to the
Children's Wish Foundation or to the
Trust Fund in Memory of Teresa
Jennifer Kasepchuk would be greatly
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OUELLETTE, Miriam Ruth - Passed
away at Peterborough Regional Health
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her 81st year.
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Allen. Cremation has taken place.
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ON. Donations to the Haliburton Hospi-
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family to celebrate Miriam's life will be
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in the spring. Actual time will be
announced by Art.

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Deaths

WISE, "Betty" (Nee Austin) - Passed
away peacefully at the Haliburton
Hospital on Thursday, March 13, 2008.
In her 86th year.

Beloved wife of the late Charlie Wise
(1995). Loving mother of Karen (Bob)
of Haliburton, Donna (Bob) of Hamp-
ton, Ann of Peterborough, Nancy
(Craig) of Minden. Loving grandma of
Janet (Gord), Susan (Stu), Debbie, Da-
vid (Kim), Larry (Cory), Lisa (Craig),
Ryan, Haley, Callie, Katelin, Tanner,
great grandma of Mandy, Josh, Billy,
Alyssa, Logan, Dylan and great great
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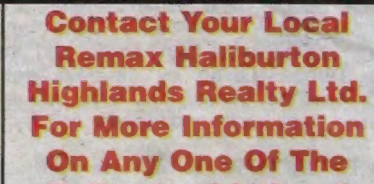
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\$564,900
HALIBURTON LAKE

2+1/2 bdrm cottage/home with fully h/d bsmt, double 2 dy garage, single garage & shed on fabulous natural lot, deep shoreline & million dollar view! Features incl: oak kit, cupboards w/granite top, island & pantry, great rm w/pine vaulted ceilings, year round sun rm, 44x12 family rm w/wallout, 3 free standing propane FP's. Too many features to mention! For pics and more info, go to www.mls.ca M584402405000027800. Call Debra Lambe

Debra Lambe • Ext 244 • 457-1011



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\$47,700
PRIME BUILDING LOT

near Minden and a stone's throw from several fresh lakes. Year round road and a prepared driveway. The lot has been cleared and the building site is prepared. Hydro and Bell to the site. There is a drilled well and a dug well along with an older existing septic on the property. 200' of frontage and just over an acre with good privacy. Call Cathy Lancia

Cathy Lancia • 754-3358



8+ ACRES

Bungalow on 8+ acres with 2 out-buildings. This 3 bedroom home offers large rooms, screened-in season room, full basement. Easy access off Highway 118 and private location. Call Lynda Litwin.

Lynda Litwin • Ext 35 • 286-2911



\$399,900
GREAT HOME PLUS STUDIO - GRASS LAKE

Very nice home/cottage on 5 lake shore, located minutes from Haliburton on a nice level lot. Main floor includes 2 bdrms, large living/dining rm and huge kitchen deck newly built in 2007. In the back there is a totally independent 2 bdrm groupy flat, bright and sunny w/wallout and 2 sep entrances. Includes a huge 100 sq. ft. rm that could be a shop, games rm, or a fabulous studio plus 2 car garage, tons of upgrades and gorgeous ceramic. Call Denise LeBlanc

Denise LeBlanc • Ext 33 • 286-2911



\$118,950
GREAT STARTER OR RETIREMENT!

Near Haliburton and Minden. Country lot with perennial flower beds, horseshoe pit and nice trees. 2 bdrm, lots of pine finishing, wood floor & cozy wood stove. Oil forced air furnace and electric system recently serviced. Next to snowmobile and quad trails, plus 1.5 garage and large workshop. Call Richard Moritz

Richard Moritz • 448-1291



\$234,500

Great country home, many upgrades - new in 2002: addition & septic tank, new in 2007: hardwood floor, kitchen, hot water tank, sump pump, finished basement. Wood and propane fireplaces, private lot, garage and guest bunkie, lots of decking. Deeded access to Maple Lake. Call Erin Nicholls

Erin Nicholls • Ext 238 • 457-1011



\$124,900
HALIBURTON HOME

Starter, rental or retirement property... you decide! 3 bedroom home with loft, main floor laundry, spacious living room. Large 1.74 acre lot - 5 kms. from downtown Haliburton. Needs some TLC. Call Karen Nimigon.

Karen Nimigon • Ext 224 • 457-1011



\$214,000
WALK TO DOWNTOWN!

Three bdrm bungalow with walkout partially finished bsmt. Attached 1 car garage and a detached insulated garage/workshop nestled on approx. 2.5 acres for ultimate privacy right in the town of Haliburton. Call Marj & John.

Marj Hunter & John Parish • Ext 226 • 457-1011



\$589,900
BIG KENNISIS LAKE

Spectacular sunset! Prime level S/W waterfront cottage! Gorgeous sand beach! Panoramic view! Winterized 3 bdrms, 1,570 sq. ft., year round access. Numerous upgrades. Plus, a 400 sq. ft. guest cabin & double detached garage. Bright, charming, immaculate, private! A must see! Call Elizabeth Thompson

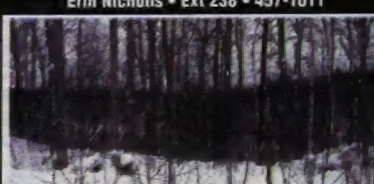
Elizabeth Thompson • Ext 248 • 457-1011



\$187,500
CLOSE TO HALIBURTON

Experience the privacy from this rural retreat property - w/out raised bungalow with 1,990 sq. ft. of living space. Custom pine kitchen & island, hrdwd floors, w/out living area and master bdrm to the deck. Upper & lower levels newly painted. 2+1 bdrms, w/out family rm w/FP. 10 acres. Call Ted Vasey

Ted Vasey • Ext 223 • 457-1011



\$239,000
WATERFRONT ACREAGE

Enjoy cottaging or living year round in quiet splendour, with 66 acres and 392' frontage on Otter Lake. This exclusive new development is the perfect spot to build your home. Call Melanie Vigrass

Melanie Vigrass • Ext 40 • 286-2911



Susan Lee • Mortgage Specialist



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